

Please **ADD** new Claims 11-30 as follows:

11. (New) An LCD comprising:

a plurality of pairs of signal lines;

a common electrode that extends perpendicular to the pairs of signal lines;

a plurality of first electrostatic protecting circuits arranged on one side of said common electrode, each of said first electrostatic protecting circuits positioned between a corresponding pair of signal lines, and wherein each of said first electrostatic protecting circuits is connected between a first signal line of its corresponding pair and the common electrode; and

a2 a plurality of second electrostatic protecting circuits arranged on an opposite side of the common electrode, wherein each of said second electrostatic protecting circuits is positioned between a corresponding pair of signal lines, and wherein each of said second electrostatic protecting circuits is connected between a second signal line of its corresponding pair and the common electrode.

12. (New) The LCD of claim 11, wherein said common electrode includes a first line and a second line, wherein said first electrostatic protecting circuits connect to said first line, and wherein said second electrostatic protecting circuits connect to said second line.

13. (New) The LCD of claim 12, wherein said first and second electrostatic protecting circuits are respectively arranged on opposite sides of the first and second lines.

14. (New) The LCD of claim 11, wherein said pairs of signal lines are equally spaced.

15. (New) The LCD of claim 11, wherein said signal lines are straight.

16. (New) The LCD of claim 11, wherein said signal lines include protrusions.

17. (New) The LCD of claim 16, wherein said protrusions are beveled.

18. (New) The LCD of claim 11, further including driving circuitry and an LCD array, wherein said signal lines extend between said driving circuitry and said LCD array.

19. (New) An LCD comprising:

a plurality of signal lines having odd numbered signal lines and even numbered signal lines;

a common electrode that extends perpendicular to said signal lines;

Q2 a plurality of first electrostatic protecting circuits on one side of the common electrode, wherein each of said first electrostatic protecting circuits connects between each odd numbered signal line and the common electrode; and

a plurality of second electrostatic protecting circuits on an opposite side of the common electrode, wherein each of said second electrostatic protecting circuits connects between each of even numbered signal lines and the common electrode.

20. (New) The LCD of claim 19, wherein said pairs of signal lines are equally spaced.

21. (New) The LCD of claim 19, wherein said signal lines include protrusions.

22. (New) The LCD of claim 21, wherein said protrusions are beveled.

23. (New) The LCD of claim 19, further including driving circuitry and an LCD array, wherein said signal lines extend between said driving circuitry and said LCD array.

24. (New) An LCD comprising:

a plurality of pairs of signal lines;

first and second common electrodes that extend perpendicular to said signal lines;

a plurality of pairs of first electrostatic protecting circuits, wherein each pair of said first electrostatic protecting circuits is arranged between a corresponding pair of signal lines, wherein the first electrostatic protecting circuits of each pair are arranged on opposite sides of the first common electrode, wherein one of the first electrostatic protecting circuits of each pair connects to one of the signal lines of the corresponding pair of signal lines, and wherein the other first electrostatic protecting circuit of each pair connects to the other signal line of the corresponding pair of signal lines; and

A2 a plurality of pairs of second electrostatic protecting circuits, wherein each pair of said second electrostatic protecting circuits is arranged between a corresponding pair of signal lines, wherein the second electrostatic protecting circuits of a pair are arranged on opposite sides of the second common electrode, wherein one of the second electrostatic protecting circuits of a pair connects to one of the signal lines of the corresponding pair, and wherein the other second electrostatic protecting circuit of a pair connects to the other signal line of the corresponding pair.

25. (New) The LCD of claim 24, wherein said pairs of first and second electrostatic protecting circuits are alternately arranged.

26. (New) The LCD of claim 24, wherein said signal lines include protrusions.

27. (New) The LCD of claim 27, wherein said protrusions are beveled.

28. (New) The LCD of claim 24, wherein said first common electrode includes first and second lines, wherein one of the first electrostatic protecting circuits of a pair connects to said first line, and wherein the other first electrostatic protecting circuit of a pair connects to said second line.

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29. (New) The LCD of claim 24, further including driving circuitry and an LCD array, wherein said signal lines extend between said driving circuitry and said LCD array.

30. (New) The LCD of claim 19, wherein the first and second electrostatic protecting circuits are respectively arranged on opposite sides of the odd or even numbered signal line.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached Substitute Specification and the new claims. Applicants have attached clean pages of the claims to the Substitute Specification. On full faith and belief, the undersigned attests that no new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification. If the Examiner deems that a telephone call would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 624-1200. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.